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**AMERICANS REPORTED HELD
FOR TAKING RUSSIAN PHOTOS**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (UPI)—

The State Department said today it has information indicating that two American tourists missing in Russia since August are being held for taking photographs near the Soviet border. The two are Harvey C. Bennett, 26 years old, of Bath, Me., and Mark Kaminsky, 28, of Jefferson township, Cass county, Mich.

State Department spokesman Francis W. Tully Jr. said an American tourist reported to the United States Government that he had seen Kaminsky Aug. 25 at the Soviet border control point at Uzhgorod on the Czech border. The tourist said Kaminsky had "stated he was under detention for having taken a photograph."

Tully said "it is quite clear that two Americans cannot be missing in the Soviet Union without the knowledge of the Soviet government."

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